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a Resolution in a flurry of excitement here with one--several members vying for each other for the honor of being the one who would receive the credit for and the honor, if anything, for passing this Resolution hoping that it would be in the light of being a champion of women rights. The fact that there happened to be an election last fall, of course, had nothing to do with that. But, nevertheless, in all this foolishness I voted it and it didn't occur to me until afterwards that--that we had endorsed a major piece of legislation in an ill-conceived and ill-considered way without giving those who were opposed to this a chance to be heard and this is the evil that I am complaining about. Regardless of how one feels about the Equal Rights Act, the fact of the matter is that those who were opposed to this Act never had a Chinaman's chance of even having a whisper of opposition to it because we passed it without any hearing, without any preliminary drumbeating of any kind and there it was. It's a major piece of legislation and I am a little bit resentful about myself, not about anybody else. I did it myself. I am sorry I voted for it because of that fact. If it came up again, I may or may not vote for it. I don't know or might but I don't want to get involved in this again. Now in connection with these Resolutions that have been introduced here in the last number of days, I want this body to know that, and I want to do it in a friendly way so it doesn't cause any ill feelings later on, that I am not signing any more Resolutions that are brought to my desk. If I want to sign a Resolution, the Resolution should be placed up front so that we can go and sign it and I do not want to sign any more Resolutions because it puts us in a bind. If out of 45--49 members, 49 have already signed the Resolution it puts me in a position of having to put my name on it or be a kind of a--I don't know what you would call it, out of the mainstream, I guess but I am not going to do this anymore and I want to do it so that in future if I refuse and refuse not to sign a Resolution I don't want anyone to feel that I am doing this for personal reasons. I know some of these Resolutions that are passed are nothing political bunk and I--they don't mean any thing and I am also rather disturbed that we are sending Resolutions to Congress as I signed these Resolutions and I find that I have signed one and I know that whoever receives them up in--wherever they go in Congressional Heaven. I don't know where that place is. The repository for Constitution--or the Resolutions passed by the various assemblies in the fifty states must be quite a monumental stack of Resolutions and I don't know where they keep them. But, anyway, when they arrive there when I have signed a Resolution that is meaningless and obviously a political piece of (inaudible) I don't want to be--I realize that often times I do stupid things. I have already mentioned one of them that I did--voted last year, but I don't like to have it in writing in the national headquarters so I don't want to sign any more of these. I hope that we--that members would, as a matter of common courtesy, give some thought to that and see what position you place the other members in. If we are going to have these things mean any thing, we will have to work on making them mean some thing, so I wanted to explain this so that there would be no hard feelings later on. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Thanks, Senator Carstens. Are there other Resolutions on the desk?

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Do we have any bills for introduction?

CLERK: Yes.

SPEAKER: Read the title.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is another notice of a committee hearing, Committee on Agriculture and Environment.